

**Kowloon Union Church**  
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**Minister: Maggie Mathieson**  
**Minister-in-charge: Phyllis Wong**

**13 November 2022**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Holy Spirit Come”

– Music: Taize Community

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN** “Be Still For the Presence of the Lord”

– Composer: David Evans

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “God Is Forgiveness” – Music: Trad. Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

**\* HYMN** “Oh, Sing to the Lord” – Music: Trad Folk; Words Trans: G. Cartford

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 98 (O.T)

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “ The Church As Pillar of Truth”

**SERMON HYMN** “By Gentle Powers Lovingly Surrounded”

Music: Siegfried Fietz; Words: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE OFFERTORY

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" ('Where charity and love are, God is there')

– Music: Taize Community

#### OFFERTORY

#### THE PEACE

\* HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" –Composers: SJ Stone and SS Wesley

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.* – John Wesley

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- The World Health Organization has stated that no food or medical treatment has reached the Ethiopian region of Tigray despite the signing of a ceasefire last week. As a result, people are dying from starvation and treatable diseases. Pray that the way forward will be opened, aiding those in need.
- Russian military forces are ordered to pull out of the Ukrainian city of Kherson, the only regional city it captured after invading in February. May this be a time when both countries can sit at the negotiating table and work out a peace plan.
- Iranian protesters released from jail have reported physical and psychological torture and other ill-treatment being used against those arrested. Some of those detained are as young as 15 years old. May God protect these young people, and may justice prevail.
- A year after the disappearance of about 200 migrants, mostly young men, residents of Gunjur, Gambia, remember. At least 40 of those missing were residents of the village. The migrants left the coastal town in a boat heading for Spain in search of a better life. Unfortunately, the vessel never reached its destination, and the families remain uncertain of what happened as no bodies were recovered from the ocean. We pray that attempts to solve this mystery will bring news to those who wait.
- Leaders of countries flooded or parched due to climate change, many of whom are developing countries, are pleading at the COP27 summit for urgent financial aid to be established from wealthier nations. Let the world face all the responsibility that comes with power and wealth and share what is needed.
- We here in Hong Kong must wake up and take action towards reaching the goal of carbon neutrality. A green group called on government departments to set their carbon emission targets. This was after the group discovered that none of the departments had set quantifiable emission targets nor a timetable to reach that goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. May we all be spurred on to do our best to repair the damage we have already done.

- After a five-year renovation project, the Khalsa Diwan temple has reopened its doors. We thank God for the success of rebuilding the temple and for the continued commitment of the Sikh devotees to serve the wider community. Providing daily food and shelter for those in need, may God bless the works of their hands.

### **For the Congregation**

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We remember this morning the family of our dear sister Victorina Alegre Pagtama, known to us who knew her as Jenny Alegre. Our dear sister passed away on 4 November in the Philippines after a long illness. May she rest in God's eternal peace and her family be held in the love and grace of the Lord.
- We remember in prayer Dr Vivian Lee and the medical team from HIS Foundation – Hong Kong, who left Hong Kong yesterday on a two-week medical mission trip to Madagascar. The team will be carrying out multiple surgical procedures as well as general medical procedures in the time they are there.

May God protect, strengthen and sustain the team as they endeavour to serve the people of Madagascar. May God bless their hands and bring healing and peace to their care recipients.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Australia.

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of the land and waters of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Australia, and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment
- the identities and cultural practices that indigenous peoples long have maintained, and for their increasing political voice
- how the people have welcomed new immigrants
- how churches have witnessed and worked together ecumenically, especially amid challenges of apathy in highly secularised societies.

We **pray** for:

- churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multireligious and multicultural contexts
- those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, the marginalised and the dispossessed, especially indigenous peoples
- those seeking refuge and a new life in these countries, and those supporting and providing for them
- careful preservation of the fragile land, sea, and resources.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today**

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. A special welcome to our good friend Revd Dr Tobias Brandner. Thank you, Tobias, for sharing the Word of God with us this morning.

## This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - KUC Singers will practice directly after worship
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am  
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **EGM – Sunday, 20 November at 1:30pm**

For the presentation of the budget for the upcoming year in KUC

#### **KUC – Clean-Up Days**

Come along and join in some clean-up tasks as we prepare the church for Advent. Mop the floors, clean the windows, trim the trees – there is enough for everyone!

Please add your names to the signup sheet on the notice board in the hallway. If you cannot come in on the set days, let us know your availability we will be happy to accommodate you.

Friday 25 November from 2 pm through 9 pm

Or Saturday 26 November from 10 am through 4 pm

#### **KUC Movie Sunday – 27 November**

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE) will screen “Walk With Me” on 27 November 2022 (Sunday) from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch, the film is about the late Thich Nhat Hahn, a Zen Buddhist master, and his monastery on their journey into mindfulness. The documentary follows them in their daily routine and practice of mindfulness throughout the four seasons and observes how this supports them in facing the ups and downs of life. Among his many books, Thich Nhat Hahn is the author of “The Miracle of Mindfulness”, a beginner’s handbook on mindfulness, and “Living Buddha, Living Christ”, which explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two spiritual traditions meet. His life and practice may inspire us to reflect on our life and faith in Jesus Christ.

To register for the Movie. Please click on the QR code.



|                        | <b>TODAY<br/>13 November</b> | <b>NEXT WEEK<br/>20 November</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Liturgist:             | Phyllis Wong                 | Maggie Mathieson                 |
| Preacher:              | Tobias Brandner              | Judy Chan                        |
| Pianist:               | Han In Kyu                   | Eva Kwan                         |
| Lector:                | Harry Chan                   | Guy Syrett                       |
| Intercessory Prayers:  | Anjette Bolanos              | Robert Lam                       |
| Family Talk:           | Mayson Fung                  | Tong Chong Sze                   |
| Greeter:               | Lucy Lim plus others         | Kevin Ng                         |
| Offering Rota:         | Thapa Samjhana<br>Kevin Ng   | Kulwinder Kaur<br>Katie Ho       |
| Counting Rota          | Doris Lee<br>Ramon Bultron   | Paul Wong<br>Ramon Bultron       |
| Sunday School Leaders: | Jaylin Tomitis               | Jailyn Tomitis                   |
| I.T. Team:             | Carl Cathedral               | Lo Yuk Fai                       |

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$5,959-  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$5,000-